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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

There is already too little competitive choice for internet access and telecom service, and if the petition is approved, independent local carriers across the country will lose access to critical network elements, and consumers could lose their choice of providers. For rural communities there are too few providers.

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